

Directorate of Public Health

2021 Census Bolton

Summary briefing: Armed Forces Veterans

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1 Purpose

This report details the UK armed forces Census 2021 information summary for Bolton (data release 10/11/2022).

2 Scope

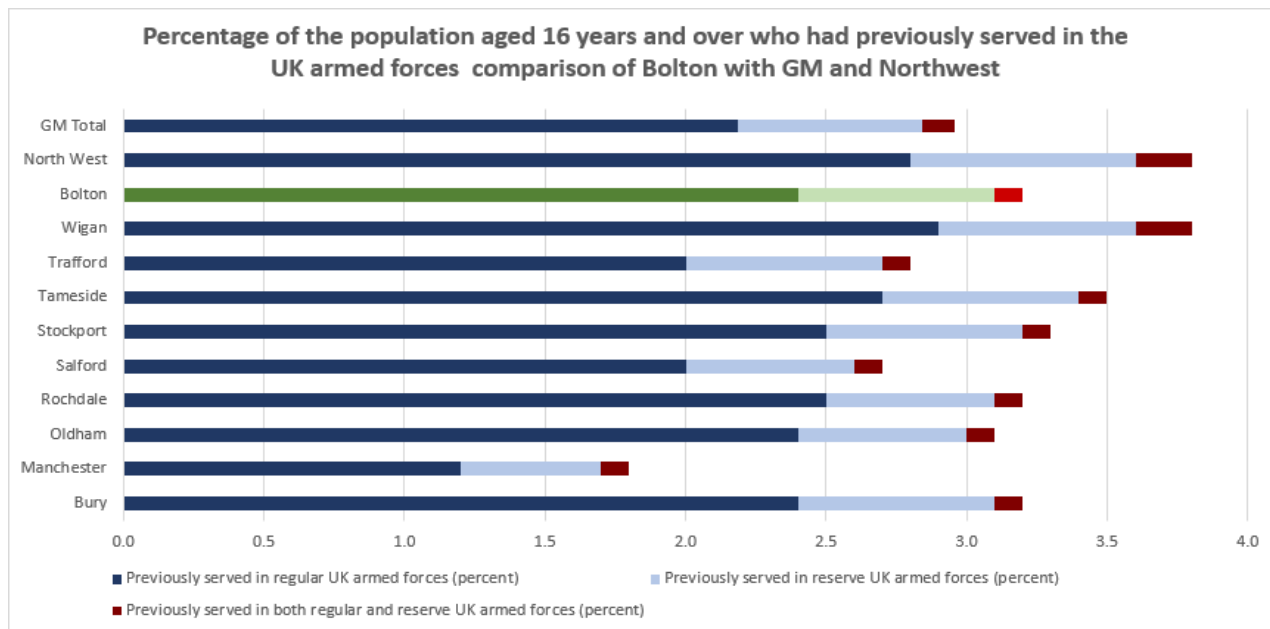
The 2021 Census in England and Wales was the first to ask people if they had previously served in the UK armed forces. People aged 16 years and over were asked whether they had previously served in the regular or reserve UK armed forces, or both. People currently serving in the UK armed forces and those who had never served were both advised to tick "no"

3 Key findings

- 3.2% of Boltons population has previously served in the Armed forces totalling 7345, this is slightly lower than the figure for England (3.8%) and the North West (3.9%) but close to the figure for Greater Manchester (3%)
- Of the 10 GM Towns Wigan had the highest % of over 16 who had previously served in UK armed forces at 3.8% (10,134) whilst Manchester had the lowest % 1.8 (7,728)
- Of Bolton's Veterans in 2021;
 - 75.8% (5564) served in Regular UK armed forces
 - 20.7% (1520) served in the reserves
 - 3.6% (261) had served in both regular and reserves
- 118 Bolton Armed forces veterans (1.6%) lived in Communal establishments and the remainder 7227 (98.4%) lived in households. This is in line with the figures for living in household in England 98%, GM 98.3% and the North West 98.1% and in line with the breakdown of the population as a whole 98.3% of usual residents in England and Wales lived in households and 1.7% lived in communal establishments
- There are 7019 households with one or more people who served in the UK armed forces, of these the vast majority 6819 (97.2%) contain one veteran, 190 (5.7%) contain 2 veterans and only 10 (0.01%) had 3 or more veterans in the property

4 Supplementary

Figure 1. Percentage of the population aged 16 years and over who had previously served in the UK armed forces- comparison of Bolton with GM and North West



5 Useful links

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/armedforcescommunity/bulletins/ukarmedforcesveteransenglandandwales/census2021>

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